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Title of the Invention: **Tilt Control Apparatus For Vehicles**

- Patent specification attached.
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Country	Application No.	Filing Date	Priority Claimed (Yes-No)
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U.S. Application Serial No.	U.S. Filing Date	Status (patented, pending or abandoned)
08/195,903	10 February 1994	patented
08/089,238	12 July 1993	abandoned
08/508,613	28 July 1995	patented
08/603,164	20 February 1996	pending

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Sir:

As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9 (c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled Tilt Control Apparatus for Vehicles, described in the U.S. Application Serial No. 08/603,164, filed February 20, 1996.

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